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Wiley Brooks

Anchorage, AK 99515-2427

RE: MUR 5564

Dear Mr. Brooks:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2004 concerning the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and its treasurer ("DSCC"), the Alaska Democratic Party and its treasurer ("ADP"), and Tony Knowles for US Senate and its treasurer ("Knowles Committee"). Based on that complaint, on April 3, 2006, the Commission found that there was no reason to believe that the DSCC violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("the Act") or regulations in connection with this matter and closed the file with respect to that respondent. Further, the Commission found no reason to believe that the Knowles Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) in connection with the allegations concerning advertisements run by the DSCC. Finally, the Commission found reason to believe that ADP violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A), 441a(d), 441a(f), and 434(b), and that the Knowles Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(b) in connection with the allegations concerning the 2004 field program operated by the ADP, and instituted an investigation of this matter.

However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, on November 29, 2007, there were insufficient votes for entering into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe and on that date, the file in this matter was closed. Copies of reports explaining the Commission's previous no reason to believe findings with respect to the DSCC and the Knowles Committee, and its reason to believe findings with respect to ADP and the Knowles Committee will be forthcoming. In addition, one or more Statements of Reasons further explaining the basis for the Commission's decision to close the matter will follow.

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Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact me or Thomas J. Andersen at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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